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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN IIASA OFFICIAL LECTURES ON ELECTRONIC DATA
PROCESSING

1. DR. HERMAN D. SURGUCHEV, RUSSIAN MEMBER OF MOSCOW
INSTITUTE FOR STEEL AND ALLOYS, WHO IS NOW ASSIGNED TO
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
(IIASA) IN LAXENBURG, GAVE LECTURE AT AUSTRIAN INSTITUTE
FOR EASTERN AND WOUTHEASTERN EUROPE ON DEC 3 ON "ELECTRONIC
DATA PROCESSING-TASKS, PROBLEMS AND RESULTS IN
DIFFERENT ECONOMIC SYSTEMS". LECTURE APPARENTLY WAS
NOT WELL PUBLICIZED AND DREW AUDIENCE OF LESS THAN 20
INCLUDING EWTDO OFFICIAL. SUGUCHEV MADE FOLLOWING POINTS
RELATING TO SOVIET EDP PLANS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST.

A) AT PRESENT 8 MILLION SOVIET PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED
IN DATA PROCESSING. THERE ARE ROUGHLY 3000 COMPUTER CENTERS
OF WHICH 1800 ARE INSTALLED AT MANUFACTURING PLANTS. THE TOTAL
VALUE OF THE INSTALLED COMPUTER
EQUIPMENT IS ESTIMATED AT RUBLES 2.2 BILLION.

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B) 1976-1980 THE PLAN PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIVIDUAL MAIN COMPUTER CENTERS AT ALL OF THE 15 SOVIET REPUBLICS AS WELL AS 15-17 SUCH INSTALLATIONS FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING (GOSPLAN). IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE VALUE OF EDP EQUIPMENT AT THE END OF 1980 WILL BE RUBLES 7 BILLION.

C) BY 1990 THE NUMBER OF COMPUTER CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY IS TO REACH 7000; ABOUT 200 CENTERS WILL SPECIALIZE IN REGIONAL OPERATIONS, 15 CENTERS WILL SERVE INDIVIDUAL REPUBLIC GOVERNMENTS, AND BETWEEN 105 AND 112 WILL BE CENTRAL EDP SYSTEMS FOR STATE OPERATIONS (MINISTRIES, STATE COMMITTEES, ETC).

2. A) IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PART OF THE LECTURE, SURGUCHEV STATED THAT-TO HIS KNOWLEDGE-EDP COLLABORATION WITHIN CMEA IS LIMITED TO PRODUCTION OF EDP EQUIPMENT BUT THERE IS NO CMEA-REGIONAL DATA PROCESSING.

B) ALSO IN ANSWERING A QUESTION, SURGUCHEV DISCLOSED THAT DURING RECENT VISIT WITH DR. GEIST OF OIAG (AUSTRIAN NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES HOLDING COMPANIES), LATTER HAD MENTIONED TO HIM THAT OEIAG IS CONSIDERING INSTALLATION OF A NATIONALIZED-INDUSTRIES-WIDE COMPUTER SYSTEM (A CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEM INTEGRATING ALL PLANTS OF NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES).BUCHANAN

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